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2, 1	Danger to Philippine security seen in reported terms for Huk	
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A	The American embassy in Manila believes that the terms for surrender reportedly being offered the Huks by the Philippine are commander in central Luzon are extremely	
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25X1 dangerous to Philippine security, and would ultimately afford the Communists an opportunity to infiltrate the government. the 25X1 government would cease all military operations in return for the Huks' surrender of their arms. 25X1 Viet Minh alleges it agreed to French withdrawal from Na San: 25X1 25X1 25X1A the Viet Minh is spreading propaganda that its failure to attack during the French evacuation of Na San was by agreement with the French. The Viet Minh also says that France plans to evacuate other key points in Tonkin as a first step toward arranging an armistice. 25X1 such propaganda could be effective inasmuch as anti-Communist Vietnamese are already worried by the possibility that the French may negotiate with the enemy. Comment: The Bao Dai government's attempts to attract greater Vietnamese support are weakened by any suggestion that the French might pull out and leave it to meet the Viet Minh threat alone. The anti-Communist effort is also being undermined by Vietnamese doubts as to whether the United States is committed to the defense of Vietnam in the event of a French withdrawal. - 4 -25X1A 22 Aug 53

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